THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) The target fixed for opening Electronic Exchanges during 1990-91 was 2957.

(b) The number of Electronic Exchanges opened during 1990-91 was 2987 and the number of Electronic exchanges/exchange units proposed to be opened during 1991-92 is 4472.

[*English*]

Foreign Exchange Earned by Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited

2290. SHRI RAJINDERA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the foreign exchange earned by the Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd. during the last three years; and

(b) the foreign exchange expected to be earned during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEB): (a) The amount of foreign exchange earned by Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited during the last three years is as under:

Year	*Amount in Rupees lakhs*
1990-91 . . .	22898
1989-90 . . .	17440
1988-89 . . .	11639

(b) During the year 1991-92, Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited expects to earn Rs. 25,000 lakhs in foreign exchange on export of iron ore concentrate and pellets to various countries. This may go up on account of the consequential impact of the exchange rate adjustment announced recently.

Repatriation of Refugees to Sri Lanka

2291. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Sri Lanka are working out ways of sending back the Sri Lankan refugees from Tamil Nadu to Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of India have agreed to assist Sri Lanka in setting up a refugee centre in Mannar Island; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) During the recent visit of Sri Lanka Foreign Minister to India, the Indian side stressed that the Sri Lanka Government must take steps to encourage an early and voluntary return of the refugees presently in India.

(c) and (d) Government of India has provided relief supplies valued at approximately Rs. 1.17 Crores to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees for its on-going relief operations at Peasalai and Madu (Mannar District).

Speed Post Service

2292. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce the speed post service in more cities, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. There are no plans for the present to introduce speed post services to more cities.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply (a) above.